

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

 a tuner operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event; and

 a processor operative to:

 enable an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event, and

 provide an interface operative to enable a user to set user selectable alert modes corresponding to each of a plurality of types of emergency event;

 wherein said interface allows said user to individually select for each of a plurality of types of emergency events: whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a message will be presented, whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a presentation subsystem will be placed into an active mode, and at least one type of alert output that is to be presented.

2. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 1, further comprising an interface operative to enable a user to turn the alert output on and off.

3. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 1, wherein the processor is further operative to enable a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event.

4. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.

5. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.
6. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 3, further comprising an interface operative to enable a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off.
7. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.
8. (Currently Amended) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:
 - tuning means for tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event; and
 - processing means for:
 - enabling an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event, and
 - providing an interface operative to enable a user to set user selectable alert modes corresponding to each of a plurality of types of emergency event;
 - wherein said interface allows said user to individually select for each of a plurality of types of emergency events: whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a message will be presented, whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a presentation subsystem will be placed into an active mode, and at least one type of alert output that is to be presented.
9. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 8, further comprising interface means for enabling a user to turn the alert output on and off.
10. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 8, wherein the processing means enables a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert

signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event.

11. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.

12. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.

13. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 10, further comprising interface means for enabling a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off.

14. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 13, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event;

providing an interface operative to enable a user to set user selectable alert modes corresponding to each of a plurality of types of emergency event; and

providing an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event;

wherein said interface allows said user to individually select for each of a plurality of types of emergency events: whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a message will be presented, whether, regardless of a comparison with a threshold, a presentation subsystem will be placed into an active mode, and at least one type of alert output that is to be presented.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprised of enabling a user to turn the alert output on and off.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprised of providing a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprised of enabling a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.